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## *PRESS ADVISORY*

### **DC Criminal Justice Leaders Announce Safe Surrender 2016**

**WHAT: Press Conference to Announce DC Safe Surrender 2016**

**WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse plaza - 500 Indiana Ave, NW**

**WHEN: Wednesday, September 7 at 11am**

**WHO:**

**Chief Judge Lee Satterfield  
US Attorney Channing Phillips  
PDS Director Avis Buchanan  
US Marshal Michael Hughes  
MPD Asst Chief Kimberly Missouri**

**Pretrial Services Director Cliff Keenan  
CSOSA Director Nancy Ware  
Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie  
Deputy DC Attorney General Tamar Meekins  
Willie Jones, 2007 Safe Surrender participant**

DC's criminal justice system leadership will hold a press conference this Wednesday to announce the 2016 DC Safe Surrender program which will take place on three consecutive Saturdays beginning September 10, 2016. They will be joined by Willie Jones, 2007 Safe Surrender participant.

The DC Safe Surrender program is an opportunity for persons who are wanted for non-violent felonies, misdemeanors and parole/probation/pretrial violations in the District of Columbia to surrender voluntarily at the Moultrie Courthouse. DC Safe Surrender recognizes that many persons are looking for a way to resolve their outstanding warrants. The program's goal is to reduce the number of outstanding bench warrants by allowing surrender in a safe and secure environment. The program provides persons with a way to turn themselves in, without the risk of being arrested at home, in front of their family and children, or during a routine traffic stop. Similar programs in 2007 and 2011, saw over 1,000 people turn themselves in, with 98% returning home that same day.

For more information, please visit [www.dccourts.gov/safesurrender](http://www.dccourts.gov/safesurrender). A list of all those who have bench warrants and are eligible for the Safe Surrender program is posted on that page.

*Safe Surrender is a partnership between: the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, DC Public Defender Service, DC Superior Court, Deputy Mayor's Office for Public Safety and Justice, Metropolitan Police Department, Office of Attorney General, Pretrial Services Agency, US Attorney's Office, US Marshals Service and US Parole Commission.*

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